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Selections from the Christian Neighbor

Evil Speaking.

"He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his

neighbor." Psalm xv., 3. This is given in answer to a question asked in the first verse of the same Psalm: "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy cial position, as announced in these columns, holy hill?" How like seeds are evil requesting some facts in reference to their reports, how like sowing seeds is evil lives. speaking. If the sowing stopped the Therefore, if the sketches should be imcrop would be small, kept down to the perfect, or omitted altogether, we hope that first bad plant itself. I will say no those who have not had a fair representation more eyil of my neighbor means I will may answer in time for next week's issue of scatter no more evil seeds. Hearing an evil report for the first time hurts, offends the hearer, unless that hearer is a very bad person. How one wishes he had not heard the evil report of his neighbor, hereafter his intercourse with that neighbor will be more or less with that neighbor will be more or less embarrassed, and there will result mutual coldness and restraint, for suspicion need not be spoken in order to make itself felt. The taste for evil speaking may be inherited, constitutional, or cultivated. In the first case it is difficult to be eradicated if not impossible. A child who hears its mother continually indulging in unkind remarks about her acquaintances, who hears frequent repetitions of evil reports about a neighbor, this child will fall into the habit of listening eagerly for such racy tidbits of talk, and, unless a wonderful providence intervenes for its salvation, will grow into like manner of mind. And thus the army of talkers whose tongue is a sword is recruited by the children. If people will speak evil can they not at least select an audience of adults rather than of pure minded children, the waxy tablets of whose hearts are ready for many the action of the salvance of the salvance and the save and the services there been in constant defends the folders. The salvation is a sword is recruited by the children. If people will speak evil can they not at least select an audience of adults rather than of pure minded children, the waxy tablets of whose hearts are ready for many the action of the salvance and the store the content of the salvance and the sound that the savery and the saver and the sound that the saver and the saver and the sound that the saver and the tablets of whose hearts are ready for tablets of whose hearts are ready for every impression? It may be a child has escaped this unhappy tuition in evil speaking, but disappointments, wrongs suffered, have embittered the mind till "he hasn't a good word for any body." In either case there is a remedy. Evil speaking can be storremedy. Evil speaking can be stopped if the evil speaker determines it shall be done. Once attention is directed to the matter, for some do speak

July 3. One suicide in Pittsburg, Pa., one in St. Louis and two in Daycon, Ohio.

Deaths.

THE CANDIDATES WHO SEEK POSITIONS OF HONOR AND PROFIT.

Brief Records of Each--Their Public Career and Their Qualification for Serving the People.

Some ten days ago the Press and Banner sent a note to each of the candidates for offi-

Up to this time a few have not answered

FOR CONGRESS.

Colonel D. K. Norris.

Col. D. K. Norris, of Anderson, candidate for Congress from this District, comes before the people with strong claims for support. Being a farmer, and the sen of a farmer, he has always been associated with every aim and purpose looking to their interest. Massey

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Colonel William Patrick Calhoun. Coi. Wm. P. Calhoun, who is a candidate for Congress, is a native of Abbeville. He was born on the 27th day of October, 1851, at the old homestead near Abbeville village. His early education was obtained in the old Blue old homestead near Abbeville village. He was always a straight-out Democrat, early education was obtained in the old Blue Hill Academy and in the schools of the town. He attended Columbia College, New York city, and was a member of the class of '73.

oli leaving College, Col. Calhoun was engaged in farming. In 1876 he taught friends? Relentlessly break off from the story even after it is begun, the mortification will help one to remember better the next time. This applies even if the story is true, how much more quickly is the evil speaking to be checked if the tale is untrue, which is oftener the case. See an implied promise in I. Peter iii., 10: "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and

Christian religion revealed, every pardoned sinner, the very humblest, carries in his heart the testimony, so also the one struggling against the evils which beset, and for the overcoming of which he asks God's help. Asking the help is given—how we know not—it comes, surely from Him of whom it is asked.

A local branch of the new temperance order, the Rechabites, was organ—and he has managed successfully very important cases.

ance order, the Rechabites, was organized in Columbia July 31. The officers were installed, and a separate division for ladies will be formed.

William Boon and his wife were put in jail at Calhoun, Ga., August 1, for poisoning another family, ten in number. Two are dead and three more dying. All are negroes.

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About four years ago he reuted both plantations of Mrs. S. M. Calhoun, his mother, and he now cultivates them on an extensive scale and makes a success out of his farming operations. He is about the largest farmer in the country. In addition to this he manages four thousand acres of the Cabell estate, and sixteen thousand acres of the Cabell estate, and sixt omy in public matters and was straightout for the Clemson College. He urged the peo-ple to insist upon it that the Clemson College ple to insist upon it that the Clemson College be made a first-class institution. Col. Cal-houn has bad to beat his way up in life by hard licks, and his own energy. He worken in the field as a boy to make money to pay his tuition at his home schools after the war, and in the same way he made his money to pay his College expenses. Then in order to get his legal projession he taught school and studied law at the same time.

maternal grandfather and great-grandfather were preachers, the former filling a pulpit at Gettysbury, Penn. His paternal grandfather was paster of a church in Chester County and one of the first professors of theology in what is commonly called the Seceder Church in the South. He graduated at Erskine College with the highest honors of his class in 1859 and in 1851 entered the 7th South Carolina Volunters as a private. At the first Manassa he was orderly for Gen. M. L. Bonham, Sr. In 1862 he was transferred to Orr's Riffes and, in time, became sergeant major. He was as he was orderly for Gen. M. L. Bonham, Sr. In 1852 he was transferred to Orr's kiffes and, in time, became sergennt major. He was slightly wounded at Chancellorsville, Gettsburg and Petersburg, and surrendered at Appomattox Court House. Admitted to the Bar in 1866 he went to Texas and practiced successfully until Canby destroyed the Civil Courts, when he came back to Abbeville, married an accomplished young lady of Spartanburg and settled down for life in the historic county which has honored him with a seat in the Senate. Mr. Hemphill was elected to the Wallace House in 1876, and has served as Representative six years. He was a member of one of the investigating committees, and has always stood among the most active and careful members of the House. He always had a place on important committees. He has happened to be in the opposition oftentimes, but tenacious of opinion, there never was any backing down from his convictions. For fifteen years he has conducted the Abbeville Medium, a fearless and outspoken journal. He wields a ready pen and writes in a vigorous and condensed style. His ability as a writer is equalled by his force as a public speaker, having a ready command of words and a clear, smooth and penetrating voice. Governor Hampton appointed him a brigadier general of militim, but no troops were ever organized. He is remarkable for his good nature and his forgiving disposition, cherishing animosity to no one, and always in good humor with the rest of mankind. Having positive views, there is never any difficulty in locating him on all public questions.

Last December he was appointed on a com mittee from the Senate to attend the funeral obsequies of Jefferson Davis in New Orleans, a distinction and honor which was highly

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Hon. James N. King.

Capt. J. N. King, who is before the people of Abbeville county seeking re-election to the House of Representatives, was born in Maury county, Teunessee, nearly forty-five years ago, and is therefore now in the prime of life. Combining an active mind with a vigorous body, he is well qualified for the duties of life.

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Col. James Townes Robertson,

The subject of this sketch is the worthy descendent of ancestors who were long identified with the past history of Abbeville county, and contributed their full share to its growth and development. He is a grandson of Wm. Robertson, and the son of Francis P. Robertson, natives of Charles City, Vs., who came to Abbeville about the latter part of the last century and located in the Calhoun settlement.

Mr. Wm. Robertson had one sister who mar-ried Joseph Moseley of the Flatwoods, and two half sisters, Nancy and Catherine DeGraf-finried, who married Wm. and Patrick Cal-houn respectively, the brothers of John C.

Mr. Wm. Robertson afterwards moved to Mr. Wm. Robertson afterwards moved to Old Pickensville, Anderson county, and mer-chandized until his store was destroyed by fire. He then moved to Old Pendleton and invested largely in mountain lands, which proving an unprofitable investment, he returned to Abbeville Court House about 1820.
Francis P. Robertson, the father of Col. J.
T. Robertson, married Elizabeth Holleman of a family of the colony of Prussians, who formed a settlement around Culpepper, Va. They had seven children, three of whom survive—Col. Robertson, a brother and a sister.

Col. Robertson was born at Diamond Hill, the upper part of this county in 1829 and conditions of people.

Major Frank B. Gary.

The subject of this sketch comes from a family that has been long and favorably known to the people of Abbeville county. He is the third son of the late Dr. F. F. Gary and was born in the village of Cokesbury on the 9th of March, 1860.

Frank B. Gary received his early instructions in the schools of that village, and was

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ference School.

In 1887 he entered the Freshman Class in Union College in New York. He remained at this institution for three years, and until he was compelled by the rigor of the climate to seek the more congenial climate of the Shortly after his return to his native State,

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At the surrender he could not return to his native State, owing to political differences engendered by the war. He chose Abbeville county as his home and has lived in Ninety Six and vicinity ever since.

He was always a straight-out Democrat, fighting; the Radical misrule with all the heart and soul of a vigorous young manhood. His aggressiveness against negro rule often brought him in trouble with the vile constabulary, from which he always came out with flying colors. He was one of the original thirteen who met in Judgo Cothran's office in light of the war. And the surrender he could not return to his native State, owing to political differences engendered by the war. He chose Abbeville county as his home and has lived in Ninety Six and vicinity ever since.

He was a president of the County Democratic of Club, and took an active part in the campaign. The late of the county might be proud. This, together with the self-evident fact that he possesses in the greatest degree the confidence and respect of his fellows, shows to have defined and respect of his fellows, shows to have defined and respect of his fellows, shows to have defined and respect of his fellows, shows

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Lemuel C. Mauldin, who is a candidate for the House of Representatives, was born near Lowndesville, February 3, 1846, and received such educational advantages as the common schools afforded. In 1861 he entered the South Carolina College where he remained till 1862, when the exercises were suspended. Since the war he has been engaged in farming; and has always been thoroughly identified with the moral, social and material interests of the community. He is an active member of the Church, the Alliance and the Masonic fraternity. He has never before been a candidate for any office. If elected, he will, no doubt, look to the interests of the entire constituency.

Jacob Strother Graves.

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Robert Emmet Hill.

R. F. Hill, candidate for the office of Probate Judge, is the son of the late William Hill, who for a number of years before and during the war, filled the same office satisfactory is the county at the believed, to our entire people.

The subject of his sketch was born three miles northeast of Abbeville Court House on the farm during the busy season in the crops, and attending the "old field" schools during the winter months and after the crops were laid by.

At the age of seventeen he entered Erskin is College where he continued for two sessions, but his health breaking down he had to give in the condition of the continued for two sessions, but his health breaking down he had to give in the condition of the farm down at the Methodist congregation at Abbeville Court House.

Jacob Strother Graves was born in Laurens county, and came to Abbeville county when he was quite young. He is now about forty-five years of age. He married Mrs. Dusenberry about twenty years ago, and lives on his farm near Abbeville Court House. He has teen a farmer all his life, and has been successful in making and saving money. He was educated in the high school at Greenwood.

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For many years he has taken an active interest in church matters, and is one of the lounders of the Abbeville Baptist church, in which congregation he now holds an important office, and is looked nop not as a leader in all that pertains to the welfare of the church,

or the advancement of public and private morals.

Being an earnest an enthusiastic worker in public affairs, he was among the first to agi-tate the Farmer's Movement, while the Alli-ance has awakened all of his enthusiasm and

energy.

Conscientious in the discharge of every duty, he is a good citizen and will represent the best interests of the county in the Legislature to the best of his ability.

Thomas A. Graham.

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Thomas A. Graham, candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives, is a native of the Coronaca section, and a man of high moral character, being a leader in the Methodist church. He has an excellent education, having been graduated from Wofford College with the highest honors of his class.

He has never eneaged in any other occupation than that of farming. Being a lover of the businoss, he follows it from choice, although his education would eminently qualify him for any of the learned professiens. His modesty and retiring manner has heretofore kept him from being as prominent and conspicuous before the public as his merits would entitle him, and the farmers of Abbeville county can vote for no more able and efficient candidate for Legislative honors. Being familiar with the practical affairs of the farm, his education pre-eminently qualify him to expressed thabest interests of all classes

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Lowndesville, after which he moved upon his farm near Greenwood, and since then he has been devoling his entire time to agricul-tural pursuits, and his accumulation of real estate is evidence of success in his chosen

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At the organization of the County Alliance he was elected its President, and his zeal and his interests in behalf of the farmers of the County, have been rewarded by his re-election twice since to the same position, and by his appointment to represent the County Alliance in two consecutive State Conventions. He was also greatly instrumental in establishing the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company which is doing much to benefit the farmers, and is one of its Board of Directors. He is a candidate for the office of County Treasurer.

Thomas P. Thomson.

Shortly after his return to his native State, he commenced the study of law in the office of his brother, Col. Eugene B. Gary. Having successfully passed the examination being the fore the Supreme Court, he was admitted to the Bar in December, 1882. He immediately began the practice of his chosen profession, and is now enjoying a rapidly increasing practice.

In 1882, Mr. Gary obtained a clerkship in House of Representatives, which position he has held ever since to the entire satisfaction of those whom he served. In this capacity the rules of the House and with the intricacies connected with legislation.

Mr. Gary is now the President of the Abbeville Literary Society—a society organized about fifteen years ago, and which is now one of the historic institutions of the town.

He is a bright Mason, and is devoted to the teachings of the order.

Mr. Gary donned the red shirt in '76 and rode night and day to assist in the redemption of South Carolina from negro domination.

Whilst he is comparatively a young man, yet he is eminently well qualified, by reason of his early training, his experience in legislative work, and his unimpeacheble moral character, to represent the people of thiscounty in the Legislature.

John Hugh Morrah.

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John Hugh Morrah was born in Abbeville county near Willington.

He went to the schools in the neighborhood, and was graduated at a new to the gate to conventions. He is interested in farming, and was graduated and obliging officer. He has been twice elected Intendant of this town, and has been repeatedly sent as a delegate to conventions. He is interested in farming, and the interest of the farmer is his interest.

FOR JUDGE PROBATE.

Judge J. Fuller Lyon.

Judge James Fuller Lyon was born in Abbeville county near Asbury church, now Verdery, and is now about forty-five years of age, being as far as we know, the youngest Confederate soldler in the Nineteenth S. C. Regiment. He lost an arm in the battles before Atlan'a. After the war he engaged in Agricultural pursuits until 1878, when he took an active part in the redemption of the State. fore Atlan'a. After the war he engaged in paged, an active part in the redemption of the State of rom the rule of the alien. He was chosen as a candidate for Probate Judge and was elected. Although he came from the farm, without special preparation for its duties, yet through his aptness for the discharge of the delicate and important duties devolving upon that officer, he has never had one of his dudgenents overruled or set aside by the independent of the discharge of the discharge of the discharge of the delicate and important duties devolving upon that officer, he has never had one of his dudgenents overruled or set aside by the independent of the discharge of the markable record of which any Judge in South Carolina can boast. His office, it has been contained that said by those who ought to know, is a model of neatness. At a moment's notice he can all which has always been obliging to the public, and never has been too busy to give his best attention to the humblest citizen who may have had business in his office. He is a leader in the Methodist congregation at Abberiule, and his moral character is such as to command the respect of all.

but his health breaking down he had to give up his studies and return to the farm, and thus ended his school days.

Shortly after this the war came on, and although of still delicate health, he voluntered for the war, as a member of the company raised by the late Judge Thomson, which company was the nucleus around which was formed the Second South Carolina Rifles.

The close of the war found him still with a feeble constitution which has clung to him ever since.

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Being physically unable to undergo the hardships incidental to the life of a farmer, and inheriting somewhat of the business tal-ent of his father, he turned his attention in

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Haying had to do, more or less, with the majority of our county offices within the last fifteen or twenty years, he has perhaps a better general knowledge of the duties of the same than any man in the county.

While, as before stated, he has been more or less connected with all of our county offices, it has never been his good fortune to occupy one of them as principal, but has always had to do so as subaltern to some one else—he doing the work while others got the credit.

He, now at the age of fifty-two, for the first time in his life, comes before the people of his native county, and asks them for an office in which there is something more than an empty honor, an office which will afford the means of a support for himself and family, and an office which even his strongest opponent will admit he is competent to fill.

FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

R. G. McLees.

R. G. McLees, candidate for School Commissioner, was born at Greenwood, December 4, 1851. His father was Rev. John McLees. He went to the schools in town until 14 years old. On the 1st day of February, 1879, while out hunting met with an accident which seriously impaired his sight. September 1879, went to Macon, Ga., to the Academy for the Blind and remained there seven years—the 1.st two of which he was engaged as a teacher. In 1886, he returned to Greenwood and was editor of the Tribune for sometime. In 1888, he was elected to the office of School Commissioner.

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FOR COMMISSIONER.

Richard Courtney Wilson.

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Mr. Wilson's parents were Abbeville people. He was thrown upon his own resources from earliest childhood, and by economy, industry and thrift, supported himself and mother. He married in 1884 the daughter of Mr. W. H. Brooks, of Abbeville, and is now the father of twochildren.

Mr. Wilson's a deserving young man, His habits are good, and his education, begun at the orphanage, was much added to by that best of schools, viz—hard work in a printing office.

After moving to the farm, Mr. Wilson is would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as would work all day, and then at night come as worked and the search and Richard Curtney Wilson.

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After moving to the farm, Mr. Wilson would work all day, and then at night come in and do work in the Press and Banner office. For untiring energy Mr. Wilson deserves success, and would make a competent and acceptable County Commissioner if the people see fit to elect him.

John R. Buchanan.

John R. Buchanan, the subject of this sketch was born about three miles from Greenwood, and was forly-eight years old on the 27th of last July. He is the oldest son of that slaunch old fat mer, Mr. F. A. Buchanan, who adheres

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of his neighborhood his chose at the Greenwood his chose at Mr. Buchanan was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and at the Greenwood High School. After leaving school he chose the profession of farming for his life-work, which he still follows with great success. He was among the first to offer his services to the cause of secession, and enlisted with Orr's Rifles. He received a severe wound in the leg at the Second Battle of Mannassas, from which he has never fully recovered.

At the close of the war, he married Miss Lincy, a daughter of the late John W. Fouche. Mr. Buchanan is a public-spirited man, and it was in a great measure through his efforts that a neat and substantial Methodist church was crected in his neighborhood last Spring. At the organization of that church he was elected unanimously as its Steward, which showed in what esteem he was held in his neighborhood. Thus it has always been. For the advancement of Society, Church and State, Mr. Buchanan has alwas been foremost in his community.

Mr. W. L. Murrell, candidate for County Commissioner, was born and reared in Edge-field county. He removed to Troy in this county in 1883, at which place he has lived

ever since.

He has met with some of the viscissitudes of life. He had his collar-bone broken twice, from the effects of which he has never recovered. He was burned out at Troy in 1884, and having no insurance it was to him a clear loss, and it was money made by hard licks. but he showed the man by giving up everything to his creditors.

Mr. Murrell is now about forty-two years old. He joined the Baptist church in 1899, and has been an earnest supporter of the same ever since. He is a poor man with a large family and his object now is to educate his children. His oldest son has been one session at the High School and in order to defray his expenses at the next session, he has contracted to fire an engine on the Central Railroad during his vacation.

Abbeville county will suffer nothing by trusting to Mr. Murrell the office of County Commissioner. but he showed the man by giving up every

James W. Lyon. James W. Lyon.

James W. Lyon was born and reared near in the East. My, my husband—my—" James W. Lyon was born and reared near the town of Troy. He is now about 32 years old, and for a long time be has been afficited with something like scrofula. He was reared on the farm and has been farming all his life, but is physically unable to work himself. He is an honest man, "the noblest work of God," and enjoys the confidence of those who know him.

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When the Alliance was first organized at Troy he was elected secretary and has been re-elected at every organization. At the age of 25 he was elected a deacon in the Baptist church; and shortly after cierk of same, which office he has held ever since with credit to himself and honor to his church.

He is an earnest supporter of Tilliman from principle, for it is more to establish a principle than to elect Tillman, yet he is conservative and as an evidence of this fact will get the supportat home of both factions, and that too at a box nearly equally divided. Abbeville county will honor herself by honoring Mr. Lyon, so think those who know him best.

He is a candidate for County Commissioner.

John Henry Thomas.

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July 21, 1849, and is in the prime of life, being about forty years of age. He was educated partly in Shinburg Academy, and was a schoolmate of B. R. Tillman.

He came to this county some sixteen years ago and shortly afterwards married here and has made this his home ever since.

Mr. Thomas is a man of good practical judgment, thrift and energy, and by dint of hard work and good management, has secured for himself and family a nome where happiness and comfort seem to abound.

He was first to advocate in the newspapers the establishment of the Farmers' Bank at Abbeville. He is a successful farmer and withol a prac

tical mechanic, and with these qualifications coupled with the fact that he resides in a section of the county that has never had any representation on the Board of Commissioners, his friends claim, make up a pretty strong ase in his favor. He thinks that as nature has supplied the He thinks that as nature has supplied the stone with which to build stone piers, in close proximity to all our bridge sites, it would be economy in the long run to erect such piers, instead of building exclusively wooden structures, which, if they are not washed away by the floods, only last for a few years, when they have to be rebuilt. From what we know of Mr. Thomas, we are inclined to the opinion that there are but few men offering for the position of County Commissioners who would fill the bill better than he.

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An Incident.

It was a hot, dusty day, when two or three passengers entered the train on the Iowa Division of the Chicago and Northwestern Road at Bridgewater. Among them was a stylishlydressed young man who wore a stiff white hat, patent-leather shoes, the neatest of cuffs and shiniest of standup collars. He carried a caue, and carefully brushed the dust from the

seat in front of me before he sat down. Just across the aisle, opposite him, sat a tired woman, holding a sick baby. I never saw in my life a more discouraged, worn-out, despairing look than that on the mother's face. The baby was too sick even to cry. It lay moaning and gasping in its mother's lap, while the dust and cinders flew in at the open doors and windows. The heat and dust made traveling, even for strong men, unbearable.

I had put down the stylish young man in front of me as a specimen of the dude family, and was making a mental calculation on the probable exstence of brains under the new hat, when, to my astonishment, he learned over the aisle, and said to the woman: "Madam, can I be of any assistance to you? Just let me hold your baby awhile. You look so very tired."

The woman seemed much surprised though the request was made in the politest and most delicate manner.
"O, thank you, sir," said she, tremulously. "I am tired," and her lips

ulously. "I am tired," and her lip quivered. "I think the baby will come to me, said the young man, with a smile. "Poor thing! It's too sick to make any objection. I will hold it careful-

lly, madam, while you lie down and rest awhile. Have you come far?"
"From the Black Hills." "What! by stage? "Yes; but the baby was well when

see. I see!" continued the young man in a sympathetic tone, as he glanced at the bit of crape in the little traveling hat. By this time he had taken the baby and was holding it

"Now you can lie down and rest a little. Have you far to go?"
"To Connecticut," replied the wo-man, almost with a sob, as she wearily arranged a shawl over a valise, and prepared to lie down in the seat.
"Ah, yes, I see! And you haven't money enough to go in a sleeping-car, have you, madam?" The poor woman blushed faintly, and put one hand over

in his arms.

her face, while the tears dropped be-tween her worn fingers.

I looked out of the window, and a mist came over my eyes, while I charged my calculation of the young man's mental ability. He looked thoughtfully and tenderly down at the baby, and in a short time the mother

was fast asleep.

The woman sitting across the aisle from me, who heard as much of the conversation as I had, came and offered to relieve the young man of his charge. "I am ashamed of myseif for not offering to take the baby from the mother before. Poor little thing! It's

asleep." "So it is. I'll surrender it to you now," with a cheerful smile. At this point the train stopped at a station, and the young man rose in his seat, took off his hat, and said in a

clear, earnest voice; "Ladies and gentlemen, here is an opportunity for each one of us to show that we have been brought up in a Christian land, and have Christian fathers and mothers.
This poor woman," pointing at the sleeping mother, "has come all the way to Connecticut. Her husband is dead, and her baby is ill. She hasn't money enough to travel in a sleepingcar, and is all tired out and discouraged; what will you do about it?"
"Do!" cried a big man down near

the water-cooler, rising excitedly. "Do! take up a collection—the American citizen's last resort in distress. I'll give \$5." effect was electrical. The hat went around, and the way the silver dollars and quarters and ten-cent pieces

rattled in it would have done any true heart good.

I wish I could describe the look on the woman's face when she awoke, and the money was given to her. She tried to thank us all and failed; she

broke down completely. But didn't need any thanks. There was a sleeping-car on the train, and the young man saw the mother and child transferred to it at once. did not hear what she said to him

when he left her, but it must have been a hearty "God bless you." More than one of us in that car took a little lesson to himself, and I learned that even stylish, as well as poor, clothes may cover a noble heart.

Sympathy with others is not learned without personal suffering. The pow-er to comfort grows out of our own afflictions. Depend upon it, those useful workers whom you so much envy have their private griefs which minister to their usefulness, or keep them under their success. Those whom the Lord honors in public he chastens in private. These sieknesses and sorrows of ours have a fertilizing effect, or at least they ought to have. Every cold wind as well as every sunbeam helps to put oil into the olives and grace into believers.